

# SEDITION MAY DEPEND ON TIME OF UTTERANCE

## Mr. Justice Metcalfe Points out What Determines Words of Seditious Nature

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19.—(Canadian Press.)—That the time when remarks are made may determine whether they are of a seditious nature or not, was pointed out by Mr. Justice Metcalfe at the trial of the seven strike leaders today.

"There is a time when words may not be seditious" said his lordship, "but if they are uttered at a time when the country is in a state of great unrest they may be wholly and completely seditious."

A hint was thrown out at the morning session by R. A. Bonnar, K.C., counsel for the defence, that he might not call any witnesses. At the afternoon session, he asked for a statement by the crown as to how much longer the case was going to last. A. J. Andrews, K.C., counsel for the crown, was about to make an objection, when the judge told the two lawyers, to go and make the statement to themselves. As the day's proceedings had been featured by wrangles and repartee matches between counsel, his lordship added that he would like them to settle their grievances outside the court instead of inside it.

The judge gave the jury a chance to say whether there would be night sessions from now on, but no definite answer was announced by the foreman, who stated that the jurors neither wanted to have things rushed nor time wasted.